

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 28, 2025

THE REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chair Kristine Cunningham at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call	Present:	Philip Klema Glenn Smith Kristine Cunningham, Chair John Macaluso, Vice Chair
	Absent:	Mark Heldreth (Not Excused) Kathleen Mallegol (Not Excused) Eric Gregory (Execused)
		Also Present: Tim Burman, Community Development Director Chip Kent, Operations Manager Christine Clowes, Administrative Assistant

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes: May 5, 2025

Motion to approve the May 5, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Member Glenn Smith and Seconded by Vice Chair John Macaluso. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Tree Planting for Ponds

Chip Kent, Operations Manager, expressed opposition to planting trees around the ponds, citing concerns about feasibility, tree management and preservation and tree survival in that environment.

Kristine Cunningham, Chair, advocated for shade around the ponds to support wildlife and provide comfort for people. Chair Cunningham suggested conducting a pilot project and consulting experts to evaluate the impact.

Tim Burman, Community Development Director, emphasized the importance of discussing tree planting during the planning phase of projects and proposed using a newer pond as a pilot site, starting with smaller trees. Mr. Burman also noted that early involvement in projects allows for better integration of trees into the design.

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4. Adopt A Storm Drain Update

Mr. Burman provided an update indicating Junos Reed, City Engineer, has included the program in the 2026 budget and plans to launch it later this fall. Mr. Reed will present this to the Environmental Advisory Board at the October 27, 2025, meeting.

5. Plant Giveaway

Chair Cunningham will begin sending out communications through each of the email addresses she obtained last year. All orders will be directed to Chair Cunningham, and she will be responsible for purchasing the plants. Mr. Burman discussed the booth location, with preference for a spot closer to the YMCA and will talk to Mike Springer, Public Information Officer, to help promote the plant giveaway.

6. Benches

Vice Chair Macaluso, mentioned he had discussed the idea of donations for garden benches with the City Council, receiving a positive response. Vice Chair Macaluso and Chair Cunningham will schedule a meeting with Councilman Shawn Goepfert to arrange a presentation for the organizations he has in mind as potential donors this fall.

7. Items for Next Agenda

- Report on Benches
- Plant Giveaway
- Storm Drains

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

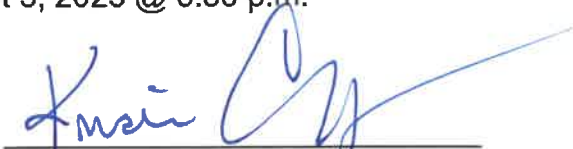
BOARD COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:42 p.m.

8. Next Meeting Date: October 27, 2025@ 5:15 p.m.

9. Board Report to City Council: August 5, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.


Chair Kristine Cunningham